

## 916 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

916 Operations Support Squadron constituted, 1 Aug 1992  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992  
Redesignated 916 Operations Support Flight, 1 Oct 1992  
Redesignated 916 Operations Support Squadron

### STATIONS

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 1 Aug 1992

### ASSIGNMENTS

916 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

#### Service Streamers

#### Campaign Streamers

#### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
2 Aug 1992-1 Aug 1994  
1 Jun 2000-31 May 2002  
1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003

10 Oct 2004-11 Oct 2006

1 Aug 2007-31 Jul 2009

## EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, a shield Or, charged with a diamond per cross Gules, Argent, of the field, Vert, overall a sword bendwise point to chief of the fourth, the grip garnished per bendy sinister of the field and Sable; all within a narrow Black border. Attached above the disc a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "NOTHING STANDS IN THE WAY" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "916TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The diamond symbol on the shield signifies not only the cardinal directions representative of the unit's worldwide mission, but also the four classical elements of fire, air, earth and water; through the use of air and fire, the unit protects the land and seas. The sword crossed overall represents honorable defense, support and protection. (Approved, 3 Sep 2009)

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

There's an active-duty member filling a coveted command billet in the 916th Operations Support Squadron. Maj. James Barker, 911th pilot and interim OSS commander, was called from the desert to fill a critical vacancy that opened when the Reserve squadron commander left for a new position on the West Coast. "I got a message that said to call Colonel Heseltine about a leadership position," Major Baker said. He knew the 916th ARW was preparing for a major inspection followed closely by a deployment, and the major thought he would be needed to help pre- pare crews. Little did he know a larger opportunity awaited. "It surprised me once we got through the greetings when he said, 'Do you want to be the OSS commander?'" Major Barker said. "This is an opportunity I never thought I'd get." While the major fills the command position on a daily basis, he currently does not have official

command authority granted by G-series orders, but that doesn't change the way he views the job. "The data is going to be there that I was the commander, whether or not my duty title at the top of my performance report reflects it," he said.

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